

Georgia State Board of Funeral Service

Conference Call Meeting

January 8, 2007

Minutes

The Georgia State Board of Funeral Service held a conference call meeting on January 8, 2007. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss proposed amendments to Board Rule 250-6-.06. Chairman Draper Watson called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

A quorum was established with the following Board members present: Draper Watson, Chairman, David Roach, Vice-Chair, Thelon Hamby, Terri Daviston, Linda Ware, Nancy Kennedy, and Lauren McDonald.

Others present were Steve Lindsey, Executive Director, and Reagan Dean, Assistant Attorney General.

The Board members agreed that two separate amendments should be posted for public hearing for Board Rule 250-6-.06. One amendment will be proposed for Rule 250-6-.06 (1), and an amendment will be proposed for Rule 250-6-.06 (2) to add sub-paragraph (r).

Mr. Hamby presented an amendment listed as 250-6-.06 (2) (r), which reads as follows:

(r) For purposes of identification of the body or remains of a deceased person for tagging purposes as required by OCGA 43-18-8, tags and/or labels must be attached to the deceased human body in the funeral establishment at the time the body is dressed and/or placed in the casket &/or shipping container, or prior to leaving the funeral establishment to go to the crematory. The fine for failure to comply fully with the requirements of this subsection shall be \$100 per occurrence.

After discussion, the members agreed to present this amendment for a motion at the January 9, 2007 meeting.

Mr. Hamby presented an amendment to 250-6-.06 (1), which reads as follows:

(1) A representative of the Board shall regularly inspect establishments between the hours of ~~8:00~~ 9:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday, with the exception of State government-mandated holidays. Although the funeral director in full and continuous charge need not be present for the inspections, the establishment must be open available during these hours for inspection. Upon finding a funeral establishment unavailable during an inspection attempt, the Board representative shall contact the establishment at the telephone number of record with the Board, or an alternative telephone number conspicuously posted at the establishment. If the establishment is not made available for an inspection within 30 minutes of the telephone contact, or if

telephone contact is unsuccessful, the Board representative shall issue a written warning notifying that an inspection attempt was made. Any funeral establishment not inspected during a calendar year may have the establishment license suspended, revoked, or put on probation, or fines may be imposed by the Board. The fine for a violation of this subsection shall \$500.00.

After discussion, the members agreed to present this amendment for a motion at the January 9, 2007 meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

These minutes were approved at the January 9, 2007 meeting